Task Force Ranger

MOGADISHU, SOMALIA

3-4 OCT 1993

BACKGROUND

- CIVIL WAR (89)
- FAMINE/UNOSOM I
- UNOSOM II/AIDEED(Habr Gidr)
- TF RANGER (AUG 93)

TF RANGER

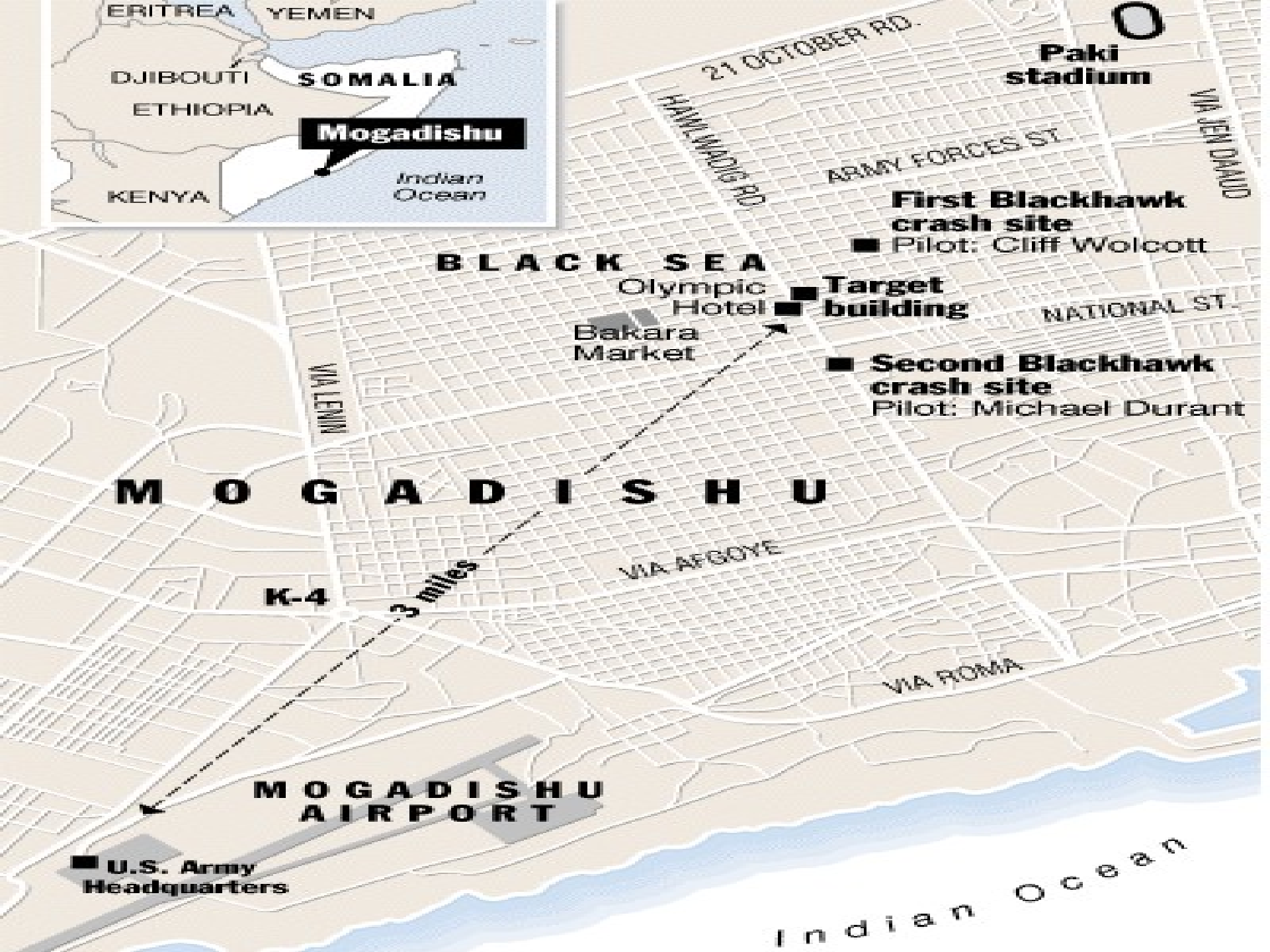
- **Assault** - SOF (x**30**)
- **Security**

x2 Plts B Co 3/75 (**60**)

- **C2 -**Abn/JOC

TF RANGER

- **Avn**
  - Scouts
  - Lift (MH-60/MH-6)
  - Attack (AH-6)
- **Vehicle Convoy (50** Pax**)**
    - Armed HMMVs
    - 5 Tons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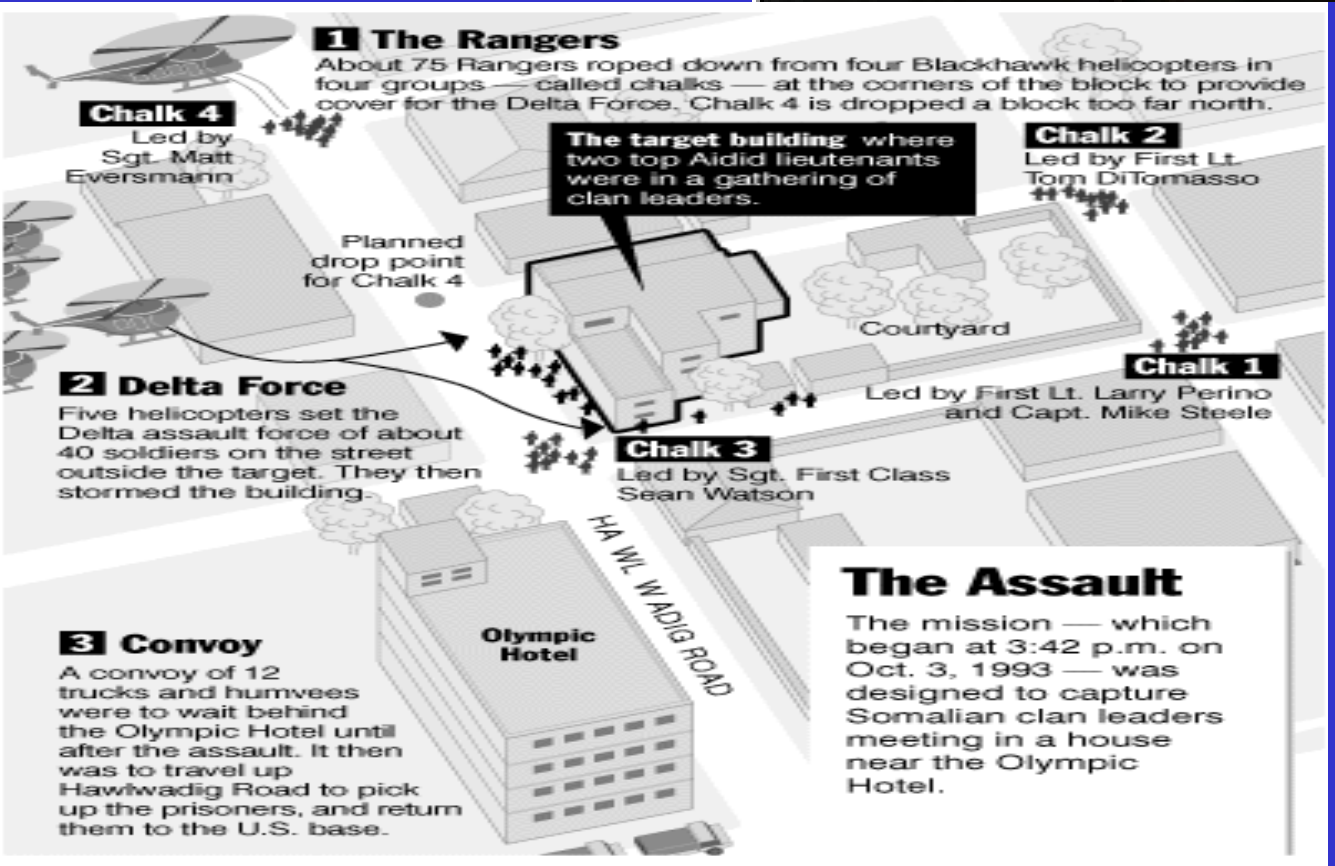
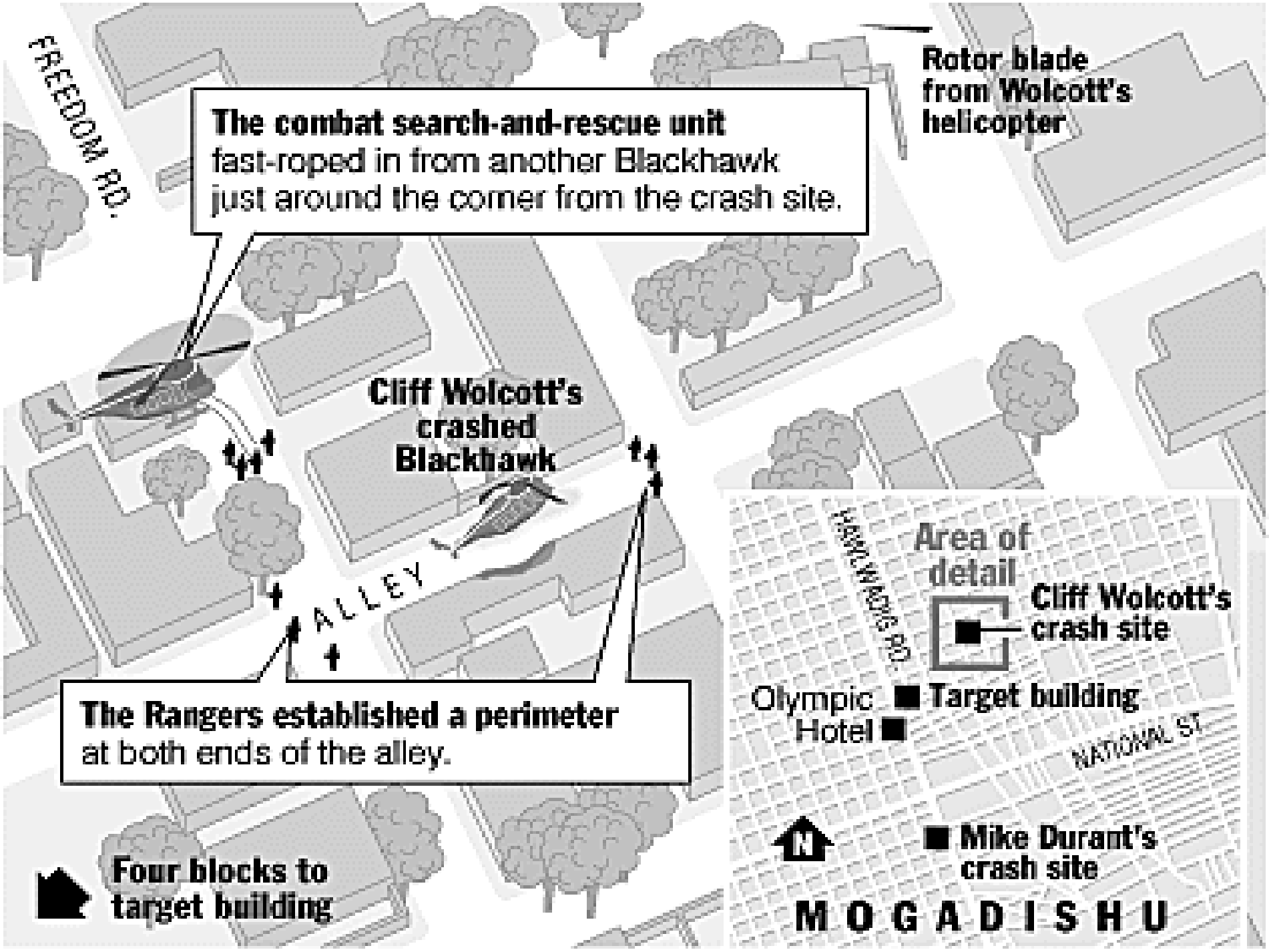
YEMEN
DJIBOUTI
SOMALIA
ETHIOPIA
Mogadishu
KENYA
Indian Ocean
21 OCTOBER RD.
HAWL WADAG RD.
ARMY FORCES ST.
VIA JEN DAAUD
Paki stadium
First Blackhawk crash site
Pilot: Cliff Wolcott
BLACK SEA
Olympic Hotel
Target building
Bakara Market
NATIONAL ST.
VIA LENIN
Second Blackhawk crash site
Pilot: Michael Durant
MOGADISHU
VIA AFGOYE
K-4
3 miles
VIA ROMA
MOGADISHU AIRPORT
U.S. Army Headquarters
Indian Ocean


1 The Rangers
About 75 Rangers roped down from four Blackhawk helicopters in four groups — called chalks — at the corners of the block to provide cover for the Delta Force. Chalk 4 is dropped a block too far north.
Chalk 4
Led by Sgt. Matt Eversmann
The target building where two top Aidid lieutenants were in a gathering of clan leaders.
Chalk 2
Led by First Lt. Tom DiTomasso
Planned drop point for Chalk 4
Courtyard
Chalk 1
Led by First Lt. Larry Perino and Capt. Mike Steele
2 Delta Force
Five helicopters set the Delta assault force of about 40 soldiers on the street outside the target. They then stormed the building.
Chalk 3
Led by Sgt. First Class Sean Watson
HA WL WADIG ROAD
Olympic Hotel
3 Convoy
A convoy of 12 trucks and humvees were to wait behind the Olympic Hotel until after the assault. It then was to travel up Hawlwadig Road to pick up the prisoners, and return them to the U.S. base.
The Assault
The mission — which began at 3:42 p.m. on Oct. 3, 1993 — was designed to capture Somalian clan leaders meeting in a house near the Olympic Hotel.


FREEDOM RD.
The combat search-and-rescue unit fast-roped in from another Blackhawk just around the corner from the crash site.
Rotor blade from Wolcott's helicopter
Cliff Wolcott's crashed Blackhawk
ALLEY
The Rangers established a perimeter at both ends of the alley.
Four blocks to target building
HARAWARDS RD.
Area of detail
Cliff Wolcott's crash site
Olympic Hotel
Target building
NATIONAL ST.
N
Mike Durant's crash site
MOGADISHU

Lessons Learned

- Never Underestimate enemy
- Train as you fight - Fight as you train
- C2
- Fire Support, etc - Be prepared

Lessons Learned

- Habitual Relations
- Live Fire / Rehearsals/Warrior Ethos